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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 23, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2005, Applicant submits the following response.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.